

Center Director Qualifications

Refer to Rule R430-100-7(1)

1. The center must have a director who is at least 21 years of age and who has **one** of the following educational credentials:
 - (a) An associates, bachelors, or graduate degree from an accredited college and successful completion of at least 12 semester credit hours of early childhood development courses.
 - (b) Valid proof of a level 8, 9, or 10 Utah Early Childhood Career Ladder certification issued by the Utah Office of Child Care or the Utah Child Care Professional Development Institute.
 - (c) A currently valid national certification such as a Certified Childcare Professional (CCP) issued by the National Child Care Association, a Child Development Associate (CDA) issued by the Council for Early Childhood Professional Recognition, or other credential that the licensee demonstrates as equivalent to the Department.
 - (d) A currently valid National Administrator Credential (NAC) issued by the National Child Care Association, **plus one of the following**:
 - (i) Valid proof of successful completion of 12 semester credit hours of early childhood development courses from an accredited college.
 - (ii) Valid proof of completion of the following six Utah Early Childhood Career Ladder courses offered through Child Care Resource and Referral: Child Development Ages and Stages, Learning in the Early Years, A Great Place for Kids, Strong and Smart, Learning to Get Along, and Advanced Child Development.